



General Assembly

January Session, 2005

Amendment

LCO No. 5701

SB0086705701SR0

Offered by:
SEN. RORABACK, 30th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 867

File No. 444

Cal. No. 346

"AN ACT CONCERNING SHELTER FOR ANIMALS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 22-339b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

5 Any owner or keeper of a dog or cat of the age of three months or
6 older shall have such dog or cat vaccinated against rabies. Any animal
7 vaccinated prior to one year of age or receiving a primary rabies
8 vaccine at any age shall be considered protected for only one year and
9 shall be given a booster vaccination one year after the initial
10 vaccination and shall be vaccinated at least every three years
11 thereafter. Those animals revaccinated after one year of age shall be
12 given booster vaccinations at least every three years thereafter. If a
13 veterinarian determines (1) that a booster vaccination would be
14 harmful to a dog or cat, and (2) that testing has confirmed that rabies
15 antibodies are present in the animal at a level sufficient to demonstrate

16 immunity, the booster vaccination shall not be required. Any
17 exemption based on such testing shall expire after three years. Proof of
18 vaccination or exemption shall be a certificate issued by a licensed
19 veterinarian in accordance with subsection (a) of section 22-339c, as
20 amended by this act. Any violation of this section shall be an
21 infraction.

22 Sec. 502. Section 22-339c of the general statutes is repealed and the
23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

24 (a) A certificate of rabies vaccination or exemption shall be (1) a
25 Form 50 approved by the National Association of Public Health
26 Veterinarians, (2) any form approved by the State Veterinarian, or (3)
27 any form that has the following information regarding the vaccinated
28 or exempted animal: (A) The name and address of its owner; (B) a
29 description of the animal which specifies its species, breed, age, color
30 or markings and sex; (C) the date of the vaccination or exemption, the
31 duration of the immunity provided by the vaccination or the duration
32 of the exemption, the producer of the vaccine and the vaccine serial
33 number; (D) the rabies tag number, if applicable, and (E) the signature
34 and license number of the veterinarian administering the vaccination
35 or determining the exempt status of the animal. Such certificate shall
36 be the official proof of rabies vaccination or exemption submitted to a
37 town clerk in accordance with the provisions of section 22-338, as
38 amended by this act, or 22-339a.

39 (b) The owner or keeper of a dog or cat shall keep a certificate, or
40 copy thereof, stating that such dog or cat has been vaccinated against
41 rabies or exempted under section 22-339b, as amended by this act, and
42 shall make such certificate or copy available to any animal control
43 officer, regional animal control officer or municipal animal control
44 officer of any municipality for inspection.

45 (c) An antirabies clinic, upon request of any municipal animal
46 control officer or animal control officer, shall submit to such officer a
47 copy of any such certificate issued. Such copy shall be used by the

48 officer to search for unlicensed dogs in accordance with the provisions
49 of section 22-349.

50 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 22-338 of the general statutes is
51 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
52 *1, 2005*):

53 (b) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog under
54 subsection (a) of this section shall submit to the town clerk a rabies
55 certificate or an exemption certificate signed by a veterinarian, or a
56 copy thereof, stating that such dog has been vaccinated against rabies
57 or exempted, the date of the vaccination and the duration of the
58 immunity provided by the vaccine or the duration of the exemption.
59 No license shall be issued unless the certificate indicates that the
60 immunity provided by the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing
61 or that the exemption has not expired at such time.

62 Sec. 504. Subsection (b) of section 22-339a of the general statutes is
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
64 *1, 2005*):

65 (b) Any person acquiring an unlicensed dog from a dog pound shall
66 be issued a temporary license by the town clerk, or [his] the clerk's
67 agent deputized pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, which shall
68 expire thirty days after the issuance thereof. Prior to the expiration of a
69 temporary license, the person holding the license shall apply for a
70 license for the remainder of the license year, pay the appropriate
71 license fee specified in section 22-338, as amended by this act, and
72 submit a certificate signed by a veterinarian, or a copy thereof, stating
73 (1) that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies or exempted, (2) the
74 date of the vaccination or exemption, and (3) the duration of the
75 immunity provided by the vaccine or the duration of the exemption.
76 No license shall be issued unless the certificate indicates that the
77 immunity provided by the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing
78 or that the exemption has not expired at such time."